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Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am sure all my colleagues from Illinois will join me in congratulations to William T. Moore on his election as president of the Arts Club of Washington. This is one of the Capital's oldest and most respected institutions and it occupies the residence of President James Madison, once used as a temporary White House.

Bill Moore came to Washington in 1942 as a member of the staff of correspondents for the Chicago Tribune. With the exception of an assignment as the Tribune's correspondent at Moscow he has spent the past 22 years with the Chicago Tribune press service Washington bureau, and is one of the best known and admired newspapermen in the Nation's Capital.

His wife, Eloise, a former concert star, has shared with him a long and deep interest in the advancement of the cultural and artistic causes to which the Arts Club of Washington is dedicated.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my colleagues from Illinois who may desire to do so may extend their remarks at this point in the Record on William T. Moore.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

CORRECTION OF ROLL CALL AND
CORRECTION OF VOTES

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 73, on March 18, a quorum call, I am recorded as absent. I was present and answered to my name. I ask unanimous consent that the permanent Record and Journal be corrected accordingly.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 80, I am recorded as not voting. I was present and voted "nay." I ask unanimous consent that the permanent Record and Journal be corrected accordingly.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 102, I am recorded as not voting. I was present and voted "yea." I ask unanimous consent that the permanent Record and Journal be corrected accordingly.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION
AND RECLAMATION OF THE COM-
MITTEE ON INTERIOR AND IN-
SULAR AFFAIRS

Mr. ROGERS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs may be permitted to sit

during the session of the House this afternoon during general debate.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

FRANCE PUTS STEAM BACK INTO
CASTRO'S RAILROAD

(Mr. ROGERS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is reported that France is negotiating with Castro for the sale of 15 or 20 new railroad locomotives, a development particularly disturbing in light of stepped-up U.S. efforts to stiffen the economic boycott against Cuba.

We have just taken the British Foreign Secretary to task for British trade with Cuba, and in fact a similar British proposal to sell locomotives to Castro has recently fallen through.

So now the French seek to step in where the British have not, and Castro's ailing railroad, now estimated to be operating at only 25 percent of its pre-Castro level, will get new steam.

What the French seem to forget is that the United States has extended a total of \$9, 412 million in foreign aid gifts and loans. The least they owe us is greater cooperation in our efforts to squeeze Cuba's crippled economy even more.

We therefore must make a strong effort to impress the French with our concern over these negotiations. To relieve the strain on Castro's railroad will only impose tension on United States-French relations.

THE LATE HONORABLE HOWARD H.
BUFFETT

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday this Nation lost one of its most dedicated citizens and a former Member of this body. Mr. Howard H. Buffett, four times a Congressman from the Second District of Nebraska, died in Omaha Wednesday at the age of 60.

Howard Buffett, a close personal friend of mine, will always be remembered as a hard-working and sincere Representative of the people of Nebraska's Second District, as well as the Nation as a whole. He was a respected Member of the House of Representatives during the 78th, 79th, 80th, and 82d Congresses. As a member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, he was known as the "champion of a sound dollar."

When he decided not to run for reelection to the Congress in 1952, an editorial in the Omaha World-Herald described him thus:

We are not discussing whether Mr. Buffett is generally right or wrong or in between, but are only stating the rather obvious fact that he calls them the way he sees them and always in accordance with what he considers the welfare of the public.

As many Members of the House recall, Howard Buffett spoke out on public issues

as he believed, even when it was in conflict with his own Republican Party position. Many of my colleagues will also remember his forceful, conservative writing, which appeared in Human Events and other publications. He was a well-known contributor to the Omaha World-Herald.

But his interests went far beyond the legislative issues he believed in and worked for. He was one of Omaha's and Nebraska's most active civic leaders. He was a successful investment banker and businessman. Above all, he was a dedicated and devoted husband and father.

No one can measure the loss brought about by the untimely death of Howard Buffett. I will miss him as a personal friend. The Members of the House of Representatives will miss him as an able, respected former colleague. His wife and children will miss him as a devoted family man. The conservatives in this country will miss a strong voice.

I know that the Members of this body who served with Howard will join with me in paying tribute to him and in extending our sympathy to his wife and children.

(Mr. BEERMANN asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. BEERMANN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my remarks to those of the gentleman representing the Second Nebraska District, and say that our warm friend and former Congressman Howard Buffett was truly an outstanding man, possessed of a wit and sincerity of purpose that was truly amazing. Unfortunately, I did not become acquainted with Howard Buffett until I entered political life. But after we met I grew to admire his political stature and wide perspective of the national scene.

Congressman Buffett, many here will recall, was one of the real constitutional conservatives. He was ever alert against encroachment of Executive power and spoke boldly against its erosion of the people's right to rule themselves.

In addition, Congressman Buffett was resolute. Once he had exercised his judgment and determined his stand, it was taken with firmness. And he could not be prevailed upon to desert his position by the highest offices in the land.

In conclusion may I say that the Honorable Howard Buffett was a remarkable man, particularly in the field of economics, where his experience gave him an insight into monetary policies denied most.

For that reason he buckled on the armor of combat to battle those who would destroy this country by the insidious practices of eroding our dwindling gold reserve and encouraging inflation.

Succinctly and to the point, Nebraska lost one of its greatest Representatives, and the people of the United States a real patriot when Congressman Buffett decided to abandon his seat here after four terms of the finest representation on record.

We know the news of his death will sadden many who will see in it the end of

a chapter in which an articulate voice and pen spoke out in the conservative cause.

Mrs. Beermann and I extend our sympathies to Mrs. Buffett and the family.

Mr. Speaker, under permission granted I include the following editorial from the Omaha World-Herald of May 1, 1964:

HOWARD BUFFETT

The qualities that set the late Howard Buffett apart were outspokenness and a blazing integrity.

Omaha's four-term Congressman might well have gone on to higher political office if he had been willing to use soft soap, trim his views, or simply remain noncommittal on touchy issues.

But it wasn't in the man. He was ever true to his own conscience. If the right course meant splitting with his political party or standing alone on the House floor, as he once did when President Truman seized the railroads, Howard Buffett pursued what he believed to be the right course.

Mr. Buffett was a warm, ebullient, friendly man with a lively sense of humor. But no friend ever dared ask Howard Buffett to bend his principles, and no political enemy ever nailed him with contradictions in his record or his public statements.

He was a national leader of the conservative movement in America, and his pen and his voice spoke sharply and well. He had faith in his country and its free institutions. He defended them with all that was in him. We who write for this page admired Howard Buffett, and he was our friend. We shall miss him.

(Mr. GROSS asked for and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record.)

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret to learn of the death of my friend and former colleague, Representative Howard Buffett.

Howard was an outstanding American. A staunch conservative, he never wavered in the fight to preserve the Constitution and the moral and financial integrity of this Government. Although critically ill he still communicated with his friends, both in and out of Congress, urging them to carry on the struggle.

Those who served with him in Congress will long remember him and regret his untimely passing.

I extend my sympathy to the members of his family in this time of bereavement.

(Mr. MARTIN of Nebraska asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record.)

Mr. MARTIN of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness and a feeling of personal loss that I heard of the passing of my friend, Howard Buffett. I mourn the passing of Howard, not only because of my personal esteem for him, but because our country has a need of men with convictions like his, men who work to preserve the traditions of our forefathers, men who are not ashamed of their old-fashioned principles.

While I did not serve in the Congress with Howard, I had the privilege of being associated with him and working closely with him when he so ably represented the Second Congressional District of Nebraska in the House of Representatives. He served as the Representative

from the 2d District in the 78th, 79th, and 80th Congresses and again in the 82d Congress before he retired from Congress. He fought hard for what he believed in, and he won the respect of his colleagues and of everyone who knew him.

After he retired from Congress, he continued his interest in good government on the local, State, and National level, and he continued to fight hard and work for those things in which he so strongly believed—sound constitutional government, preserving the rights which we in this country enjoy, the maintaining of our political and economic freedoms, and the need for a responsible citizenry who will work to maintain our God-given rights. He was as staunch as the Rock of Gibraltar in his beliefs, and he had strong and sincere convictions, which he did not hesitate to express, and because of his personal qualities of leadership, he was able to inspire others to work with him for the ideals which he held so dear. Those who knew him could only admire him as an honest, hard-working, sincere American.

Howard's loss will be felt, not only by his friends in Omaha and in Nebraska, but also by the many friends who knew him throughout the country. Our deep and heartfelt sympathy is extended to his widow and to the other members of his family who have suffered this great loss.

(Mr. HOEVEN asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record.)

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, I join with the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. CUNNINGHAM), and others in mourning the passing of my former colleague and dear friend, Howard Buffett.

I served with Howard Buffett throughout his service in the House of Representatives. He was admired by his colleagues for his rugged individualism and his willingness to stand alone, if need be, on some of the issues confronting the House. He was a valuable Member of the House who was always diligent in looking after the best interests of his constituents.

Howard Buffett was a wonderful citizen and a great American. He served well his day and generation. Mrs. Hoeven joins me in extending our deep sympathy to Mrs. Buffett and all members of the family.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND INSTITUTE FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

(Mr. McCORMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, there is currently in progress a nationwide fund-raising campaign to help build a library and institute on the banks of the Charles River in Boston as a memorial to the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

The members of the Kennedy family have chosen this as their memorial be-

cause of the fact that the late President, himself, chose the site for this library and participated in its initial planning.

The library will contain, in addition to a memorial to President Kennedy, a museum, an archive, and an institute. Its purpose will be not only to keep the memory of our late leader alive but also to enlist young people in the principles of democracy and the practices of public service.

During the period of May 15 to June 15, volunteers have organized a program in which all employees of the Federal Government will have an opportunity to contribute to the library if they so desire. The family of the late President and the trustees of the library are anxious that this program be totally voluntary in every aspect. I am sure that they are correct in believing that large numbers of citizens in the Federal establishment will want to be a part of this memorial effort. President Johnson, as honorary chairman of the library, has indicated his interest and support of the library. I know that the Congress is also anxious to see this library become a reality. Many of us will contribute as individuals and hope that thousands of our countrymen will join with us.

I may say that I have designated our Doorkeeper, William M. Miller, on the part of the House to organize a committee to solicit Members and their staff and the staff of committees to make a contribution to this most desirable purpose. I know that there will be wholehearted cooperation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALBERT). This is Consent Calendar day. The Clerk will call the first bill on the Consent Calendar.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN SQUARE 758 IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Clerk called the bill (S. 254) to provide for the acquisition of certain property in square 758 in the District of Columbia, as an addition to the grounds of the U.S. Supreme Court Building.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, N.H.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 4018) to authorize establishment of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, N.H., and for other purposes.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.